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APPLICANT: Alfred E. Keller § GROUP ART UNIT: 1754  
SERIAL NO.: 10/024,679 §  
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FOR: Short Contact Time Catalytic §  
Partial Oxidation Process for §  
Recovering Sulfur From An §  
H2S-Containing Gas Stream §



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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Because an Office Action has been entered in this case, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under C.F.R. 1.97(c). Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. the amount of \$180 so that this Information Disclosure Statement may be considered.

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